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SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY TO ACTION OF NOVEMBER 19, 2003

In reply to the Office Action of November 19, 2003, Applicant submits the following remarks. In a telephone conference with the Examiner, the Examiner indicated that compliance with MPEP is required in order to swear back of a reference.

REMARKS

This reply is provided to perfect the swearing back of a reference under 37 C.F.R. 1.131. Attached is the Declaration of Mr. David Wells. In conjunction with the Applicant's reply of March 19, 2004, both inventors now have each supplied their declaration in accordance with the requirements of MPEP 715 and, in particular, 715.04.

The following Exhibit is submitted in support of the March 19, 2004 Reply and establish that the rejection of claims 4, 5, 16 and 20 should be withdrawn based on Applicant's swearing back of the Q.SCOBB reference:

Exhibit C – Declaration of David Wells under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 – The attachments referenced in Mr. Wells' declaration are the same as in the declaration of Mr. Scholtens.

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